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1. SIX MORE UNIQUE POSSIBLE WEAPONS RELATED FACILITIES WERE NEWLY IDENTIFIED NEAR ~~THE TOWN OF~~ ^{CHINA} PAI-CHENG ON PHOTOGRAPHY. THIS MAKES A TOTAL OF NINE SUCH FACILITIES THAT HAVE NOW BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THE PAI-CHENG AREA, INCLUDING THE THREE FACILITIES IDENTIFIED NEAR THE PAI-CHENG WEAPONS TEST RANGE APPROXIMATELY 10 NM NW OF PAI-CHENG IN (SEE NPIC CABLE, CITE 9466 AND NPIC REPORT, PIR-069/71,). THE THREE FACILITIES NEAR THE TEST RANGE, AS THEY APPEARED IN EACH CONTAINED THREE SUB-UNITS. EACH SUB-UNIT CONSISTED OF A CONCRETE ARCH-ROOFED BUILDING; CYLINDRICAL, TANK-LIKE STRUCTURES IN EXCAVATIONS PARALLEL TO AND ON EACH SIDE OF THE ARCH-ROOFED BUILDING; AND TUBULAR CONDUITS OR PASSAGEWAYS CONNECTING THE TANK-LIKE STRUCTURES WITH THE ARCH-ROOFED BUILDING.

2. ALL OF THE SUB-UNITS AT EACH OF THE NINE FACILITIES WERE EARTH MOUNDED AND APPEARED TO BE COMPLETE BY A RE-EXAMINATION OF REVEALS THAT THE SIX NEWLY IDENTIFIED FACILITIES WERE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE CONSTRUCTION STATUS OBSERVED AT

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ALL NINE FACILITIES ON INDICATES THAT THEY WERE CONSTRUCTED CONTEMPORANEOUSLY.

3. THREE OF THE SIX NEWLY IDENTIFIED FACILITIES WERE CONSTRUCTED AT THE SITE OF AN ABANDONED AIRFIELD ON THE NORTHEASTERN EDGE OF PAI-CHENG AT 45-40-00N 122-51-55E. THE FACILITIES ARE ARRANGED IN A TRIANGULAR PATTERN. THE SUB-UNITS AT EACH FACILITY ALSO FORM A TRIANGLE, RESULTING IN AN OVERALL PATTERN THAT IS QUITE SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE THREE PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED FACILITIES NEAR THE TEST RANGE.

4. THE OTHER THREE NEWLY IDENTIFIED FACILITIES ARE ON THE WESTERN EDGE OF PAI-CHENG AT 45-36-50N 122-45-55E. THESE FACILITIES ALSO ARE ARRANGED IN A TRIANGULAR PATTERN, BUT SOME OF THE SUB-UNITS WHICH COMPRISE THE FACILITY VARY SOMEWHAT FROM THE TRIANGULAR ARRANGEMENT.

5. THE NINE FACILITIES SITUATED AT THREE SEPARATE LOCATIONS OF THREE FACILITIES EACH ARE 8, 9.5, AND 5.5 NM APART. THEY FORM A LARGE TRIANGLE IN AN AREA BETWEEN PAI-CHENG AND THE WEAPONS TEST RANGE. THIS SUGGESTS THE POSSIBILITY THAT IF THEY ARE MILITARY-RELATED, AS POSTULATED, THEY MAY BE DEFENSIVE ~~STRONGPOINTS~~ *in nature.*

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